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Application No. 10/601,702
Docket No. 033171-47**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape for attachment of a sealing element made of a silicone material to an application site, comprising:

a carrier element,

first and second self-sticking adhesive surfaces, one on each side of the carrier element, the first adhesive surface being for attachment to the sealing element and being formed at least partially of a silicone cement, and the second self-sticking adhesive surface being for attachment to an application site, and

an adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element to which the first adhesive surface has been bonded with the silicone cement thereof cross-linked.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first self-sticking adhesive surface is at least partially formed of a cement other than said silicone cement.

4. (Original) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein the carrier element is formed of an acrylate foam.

5. (Original) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 4, wherein the acrylate foam of the carrier element forms the second self-sticking adhesive surface.

6. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed of a primer.

7. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the adhesive layer~~ the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed by a film.

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8. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed by an enamel.

9. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed of a cement other than silicone cement.

10. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with claim 1, wherein the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed by a laminate cloth strip which has been laminated onto the carrier element.

11. (Currently Amended) Adhesive tape in accordance with one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element is formed by a surface of the carrier element which has been subjected to a corona treatment.

12. (Currently Amended) A sealing element for use in motor vehicles, comprising

a sealing body made of silicone,

a carrier element,

first and second self-sticking adhesive surfaces, one on each side of the carrier element, the first adhesive surface being ~~coated on~~ bonded to the sealing element and being formed at least partially of a silicone cement, and

a protective film attached over the second self-sticking adhesive surface, said protective film being removable for attachment of the sealing element to an application site by said second self-sticking adhesive surface, and an adhesive intermediate layer between the first self-sticking adhesive surface and the carrier element to which the first adhesive surface has been bonded with the silicone cement thereof cross-linked.

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13. (Original) Sealing element in accordance with claim 12, wherein the second adhesive surface is formed of an acrylate cement.

14. (Original) Sealing element in accordance with claim 13, wherein the carrier element is an acrylate foam.

15. (Original) Sealing element in accordance with claim 12, wherein the carrier element is a flexible tape.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) Sealing element in accordance with claim 12, wherein the first adhesive surface extends essentially over a entire length of the sealing body.

18. (Previously Presented) Sealing element in accordance with claim 14, wherein the second adhesive surface is formed directly by the acrylate foam of the carrier element.

19. (Currently Amended) Process for producing a sealing element for use in motor vehicles, which comprises a sealing body made of silicone, comprising the steps of:

- a) extruding the sealing body,
- b) applying a silicone cement, which forms a first adhesive surface, to an adhesive intermediate layer of a carrier element of an adhesive tape,
- c) connecting the sealing body to the first adhesive surface,
- d) crosslinking the silicone cement of the first adhesive surface by action of at least one of temperature and pressure.

20. (Currently Amended) Process for producing a sealing element for use in motor vehicles, which comprises a sealing body made of silicone, comprising the steps of:

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- a) extruding the sealing body,
- b) producing a carrier element from acrylate foam with a protective film on one side of the carrier element,
- c) applying an ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer to a second side of the carrier element,
- d) applying silicone cement to the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer, to form an adhesive surface,
- e) connecting the sealing body to the adhesive surface,
- f) crosslinking of the silicone cement by the action of at least one of temperature, pressure and moisture.

21. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer is formed by a primer on the carrier element.

22. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer is formed by an enamel which has been applied to the carrier element.

23. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer is formed by a cement which has been applied to the carrier element.

24. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer is formed by a film which has been applied to the carrier element.

25. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive~~ intermediate layer is formed by applying a laminate cloth strip to the carrier element.

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26. (Currently Amended) Process in accordance with claim 20, wherein the ~~adhesive- intermediate~~ layer is formed by treating a surface of the carrier element by means of a corona treatment.